

bill is LB 1008, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 1008, Mr. President, was introduced by the Agriculture Committee. (Title read.) Introduced on January 14, referred to Ag and Environment, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments. Senator Johnson, you also have an amendment to those committee amendments. Do you want to take that up, Senator?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Should I take the amendment to the committee amendments up first, or explain the committee amendment first?

CLERK: Whatever you prefer.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I prefer to explain the committee amendment first, Mr. President. The bill, LB 1008 is a bill I sponsored on behalf of the Department of Environmental Control. It's a basic cleanup bill dealing with the statutes and regulations of the department. The committee wrestled with this issue since it does regulate well drillers and also uranium mining and I guess the first part of the committee amendment deals with actually clarifying rules and regs pertaining to well drilling, that the rules and regs will be jointly worked out between the Department of Environmental Control and also the Department of Health. And secondly, the other half of the committee amendment deals with the regulation of uranium mining and the responsibility that the mining provisions would be handled by the Department of Environmental Control and that the uranium milling will be handled by the Department of Health. As the Clerk has indicated, I do have an amendment to the committee amendment which I would like to take up at this time if I may.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Very well, the amendment to the committee amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Johnson would move to amend by striking lines 14-23 on page 24. (Amendment appears on page 1242 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I'll be very brief in my statements in regards to my offering to alter the committee amendments somewhat. LB 310 is a licensing bill for well drillers that this body advanced last week or possibly earlier this week,